

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1275

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 02 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 76  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 76 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT 'ILIAHI,  
HAWAIIAN SANDALWOOD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources to:

- (1) Establish a comprehensive program for protecting native  
'Iliahi trees;
- (2) Invest in efforts to replant 'Iliahi trees so that these  
endangered native species thrive once again in Hawaii;  
and
- (3) Prohibit the export from the State of raw or unprocessed  
timber of any native 'Iliahi tree species.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, Diamond Head Scenic  
Byway Committee, Hawaiian Alliance, Kanehili Cultural Hui, Forest  
Agriculture Research Management Center, and twenty individuals.  
Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaiian  
Reforestation Program.



Your Committee finds that 'Iliahi, or Hawaiian Sandalwood, is an endemic and endangered native Hawaiian tree. The 'Iliahi species have many medicinal and ornamental uses, and the wood of 'Iliahi trees has been prized and harvested for centuries. 'Iliahi wood was exported from Hawaii in great amounts during the early 1800s, nearly making these native species extinct. According to testimony, Hawaii has one-quarter of the world's sandalwood trees.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting a reference that urged the Department of Land and Natural Resources to prohibit the export from the State of 'Iliahi timber because the Department does not have the legal authority to prohibit exports of a product.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 76, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 76, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water and Land,

  
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LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair

The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SCR 76</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WTL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">03.23.15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)	X			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)				X
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				X
SLOM, Sam				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	3
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">G. Riviere</div>				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> <div>Distribution:</div> <div>Original</div> <div>Yellow</div> <div>Pink</div> <div>Goldenrod</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 5px;"> <div>File with Committee Report</div> <div>Clerk's Office</div> <div>Drafting Agency</div> <div>Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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